

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Below Average  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 25. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.  
*(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)*

#### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Below Average	Excellent
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

#### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	41.0	36.4	54.9	50.6	49.2	55.4
• Passed 2 subtests	24.4	24.7	23.9	22.2	22.0	20.7
• Passed 1 subtest	23.1	24.7	15.5	15.6	16.5	13.9
• Passed no subtests	11.5	14.3	5.6	11.6	12.3	10.0

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	7.4%	9.1%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	7.4%	9.3%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	16.7%	40.5%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

#### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	89.4%	7.4%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	50.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	93.3%	8.0%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	89.3%	4.8%	
Female	89.5%	9.1%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	86.7%	0.0%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	95.2%	33.3%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	85.7%	0.0%	
Pay for lunch	95.8%	16.7%	

#### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	80.4%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	74.5%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$8,177	N/A	\$5,731	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	88.4%	Up from 86.6%	88.4%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	18.7 to 1	N/A	24.1 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=333)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	0.0%	N/A	11.8%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	94.0%	Up from 93.3%	94.9%	95.3%
• Retention rate	11.3%	Down from 15.9%	11.9%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=30)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.9 Days	Up from 8.2	8.1 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.0%	95.3%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	33.3%	Down from 34.4%	41.5%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	70.0%	Up from 69.7%	73.9%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	3.3%	Up from 3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	77.4%	Down from 80.2%	83.8%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$34,212	Up 4.9%	\$36,420	\$38,125

#### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	2.5%	Down from 7.8%	2.6%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	50.7%	N/A	54.1%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	2.0	N/A	2.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	45.3%	N/A	66.8%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Good	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	13.8%	Down from 16.4%	13.4%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	37	N/A	39	29
• Gifted and talented	5.7%	Up from 4.5%	3.8%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	18.4%	Up from 16.1%	11.6%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	24.6%	N/A	4.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	248	N/A	338	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	22.8%	N/A	22.8%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Lamar High School, a Class A high school located in the southern region of Darlington County, has a population of approximately 340 students in grades 9-12. Its academic program consists of a comprehensive curriculum of tech prep, college prep, honors, and advanced placement level courses, as well as courses in visual and performing arts. Lamar High also offers vocational completer programs in agriculture, automotive technology, business, and health occupations. Finally, Lamar High offers numerous opportunities for students to participate in extracurricular activities, thus providing for a well-rounded educational experience.

Among the academic successes experienced during the 2000-01 school year were the following: 27% of all students made the honor roll each quarter; 36% of the student body received awards at the annual academic awards banquet; 97% of the graduating class met all requirements for the State diploma; ten members of the graduating class were vocational completers; and at least \$563,142 in scholarship money was offered to members of the class of 2001.

Among the extracurricular successes for the 2000-01 school year were the following: Class-A State Championship (Boys Track); Class-A State Runners-up (football and girls track); and 8th place finish in the State (golf). Numerous athletes received individual honors at the regional and State levels, and three members of the class of 2001 received full athletic scholarships to four-year colleges/universities.

Lamar High School continues to strive for improvement in Exit Exam and SAT/ACT results. Efforts such as reading and writing across the curriculum for all students, year-long English and math for students scoring "below basic" on PACT (junior high), and Exit Exam preparation opportunities prior to testing are already yielding positive results. SAT/ACT "questions of the day" and SAT/ACT prep classes (math and verbal) are proving beneficial. It is hoped that continued improvement will be seen in these areas.

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	94.1	73.1	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	94.1	80.8	
Satisfied with home-school relations	64.7	70.8	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Lamar High  
216 Darlington Avenue  
Lamar, SC 29069

**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 333 Students

### Principal

Ms. Andrea W. Hicks 843-326-5543

### Superintendent

Dr. Rainey H. Knight 843-398-5200

### Board Chair

Dr. Allen McCutchen 843-332-2852

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Good

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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